

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF HARTSELLE, ALABAMA
JANUARY 26, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Hartselle, Alabama, met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, inside the Council Chambers at the Hartselle Municipal Building. Council President Kenny Thompson called the meeting to order.

Police Chief Ron Puckett led the invocation.

The following were present for the meeting: Council President Kenny Thompson, Council Members Billy Buckelew, Ken Doss, and Mike Roberson, City Clerk – Controller Rita S. Lee, who acted as Secretary of the meeting. Council Member Tom Chappell, Mayor Bill Smelser and City Attorney Larry Madison were absent from the meeting. Having a quorum present, Council President Thompson declared the proceeding open for business.

Council President Thompson called for the approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 12, 2016. Council Member Doss motioned to approve the minutes; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed Ordinance 1432, which if adopted, would annex a single family residence and lot into the city limits. City Planner Jeremy Griffith came forward to introduce the ordinance to the Council. He explained the parcel partially comprised an unincorporated island, and is within a priority one annexation area in the current comprehensive plan. He also noted that the Planning Commission would make a recommendation at its February 2nd meeting concerning the annexation request. Council Member Doss motioned to introduce Ordinance 1432; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Ordinance 1433, the zoning ordinance to accompany the previous ordinance. Mr. Griffith explained that if adopted, this ordinance would zone the property in Ordinance 1432 as B-1 (Neighborhood Shopping). The parcel takes access from Hwy. 31 and the requested zoning is in conformance with the current comprehensive plan. He also noted the Planning Commission would make a recommendation at its next meeting. Council Member Roberson motioned to introduce Ordinance 1433; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson addressed the next item, the safety winners for the second quarter of the fiscal year. Mr. Griffith presented the list of employees who were drawn from eligible employees in each department as follows: Emily Love – City Hall, Craig Knox – Fire Department; Lacy Garnett – Park & Recreation, Chip Reynolds – Police Department and Robert Fricks – Public Works. Council Member Robertson motioned to approve the budget transfer; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed Resolution 16-0126 which if approved would allow the City to apply for the FY2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant in order to rehabilitate and construct new handicapped accessible sidewalks along Hickory Street and Railroad Street in downtown Hartselle. DOD Director Jeff Johnson came forward to review the details of the grant application with the Council Members. He noted the maximum grant amount offered by the program is \$400,000 with a 20% match. After a brief discussion, Council Member Doss motioned to approve Resolution 16-0126; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request to change the job description for the Firefighter/EMT position. Fire Chief Daryl Fox came forward to review the minor changes he was requesting to the job description. Some of the changes included adding flow testing of hydrants to job duties, adding the Firefighter Certification II to the qualifications section of the description along with other minor changes.

Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the changes to the job description as requested; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next addressed a request to fill a vacant position for Firefighter. Fire Chief Fox requested filling a position that would become vacant on January 31, 2016. He mentioned the position was a budgeted one and that the employee resigned in order to go to work for another fire department. Council Member Roberson motioned to fill the vacant position; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson next recognized Park & Recreation Director Frank Miller to come forward to present his request to have various items declared surplus. Mr. Miller reviewed the items which included a 1984 Chevrolet Pick-up, a 1973 Dump Truck and various mowers. He also mentioned he would like to donate one item to the high school, a Jacobson Aerator in hopes that they might be able to use the piece of equipment. All other items he planned to advertise on Gov Deals. Council Member Roberson motioned to approve the request as presented; Council Member Doss seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Thompson then addressed the last item on the agenda, a request to change the amount of the SNAP grant match approved at the last meeting. Park & Recreation Director Miller explained that the \$40,000.00 appropriated as the grant match for the project should have been \$50,000.00. The \$10,000 held by the City given by the Morgan County Commission was not part of the match, as was originally thought, but was a stand-alone donation by the Morgan County Commissioners. Council Member Doss motioned to approve a \$10,000.00 increase in the grant amount; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

At this time Council President Thompson announced that the City was accepting applications for the following boards:

- 1) Cemetery Board: one (1) expired position, five (5) year term
- 2) Utilities Board: one (1) unexpired position, 20 months remaining on the term
- 3) Park & Recreation Board: one (1) expired position, five (5) year term
- 4) Airport Board, one (1) expired position, five (5) year term

Applications are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall or in the City's website. The applications must be turned in to the City Clerk's office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2016.

At this time, Council President Thompson called for comments from the Mayor, Council Members and the City Attorney. Council Member Roberson and Doss mentioned their thoughts and prayer were with Mayor Smelser and City Attorney Madison both who had missed the meeting due to health issues.

Council President Thompson then called for comments from the audience. None were made.

With no other business to come before the Council, Council Member Doss motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council Member Roberson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09p.m.

Kenny Thompson
Council President

ATTEST:

Rita S. Lee, City Clerk - Controller

